Please find below, Utah State Parks news for October 26:

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MONTE CRISTO SNOWMOBILE PARKING PASSES AVAILABLE

Willard - Season parking passes for the Monte Cristo Snowmobile Trailhead are now available for \$50. Customers purchasing passes before December 31 receive a \$10 discount. Day-use passes are available for \$5 a day.

To purchase by mail, please send a cashier's check or money order to Willard Bay State Park at 900 West 650 North, Willard, UT 84340. To purchase by phone with a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express, please call 435-734-9494. Passes may also be purchased at Willard Bay State Park and at the trailhead when grooming begins.

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BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City – As air temperatures begin to cool and water temperatures drop on Utah's lakes and reservoirs, Assistant Boating Program Manager Chris Haller urges all boaters to wear life jackets and remember these cold weather safety tips.

- Always wear a life jacket. Not only will it keep you afloat, it provides an extra layer of warmth if you end up in the water. Wearing a life jacket can also aid in self-rescue, providing extra time to climb back into the boat. Statistics show 75 percent of people who drowned in boating accidents would have survived had they been wearing a life jacket.
- Weather can change very rapidly and create unexpected situations. Always watch for changes in the weather and monitor forecasts. As always, make sure to inform a friend or relative of where you are boating and when you expect to return.
- State boating law requires all children 12 years of age and younger to wear a life jacket while a boat is in operation. Utah State Parks recommends that all boaters wear life jackets at all times.

For more information or to take a boating safety course, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

November 12 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins Sunset Hike- Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a twomile, round trip hike beginning at 4:45 p.m. Registration is required and held two days prior to event. Program is free and open to the public. 435-628-2255

November 13 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield Ladies of Camp Floyd Day Camp- Take a step back in time to learn about the life and times of women at Camp Floyd. Participants wear period dresses, meet costumed interpreters, play 19th century games, learn etiquette of the period, construct a rag doll, and learn dances. 801-768-8932

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